



Hebrew Center

for Health and Rehabilitation

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RE: S.B. No 989 An Act Concerning Nursing Homes Direct Care Minimum Staffing

Dear Human Services and Aging Committee Members:

I am writing this testimony in reference to the proposed unfunded 4.1 direct hours per patient day bill that is before the committee (S.B. No 989). I am unable to support this proposed bill as written as there is a lack of funding to support this nor the labor resources available to obtain.

I have been a licensed nursing home administrator for over 20 years and have never encountered such challenging times to try and staff the facility. We have recruiting events, sign on bonuses and are still challenged with staffing daily. We are also unable to accommodate all the patients at the hospitals as we have some units at reduced capacity due to need more staff to open the units and unable to find the staff.

I fully support more staffing to care for our residents, however, there needs to be more funding and a long-term plan to get additions resources into the long-term care sector. We do not have the labor for funding to support this objective.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my thoughts and I ask you not to support S.B. No 989 minimum staffing.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank You



Sincerely,
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